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COUNTRY: VENEZUELA/CUBA

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BOSCH DURING HIS STAY IN VENEZUELA

ACQ : VENEZUELA, CARACAS (13 OCTOBER 1976) FIELD NO. HVC-7514T (S)

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1. (FIELD) (U) COMMENT: IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1976 A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO B O S C H WAS IN VENEZUELA UNDER THE PROTECTION OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES P E R E Z. FURTHERMORE, PEREZ HAD APPOINTED HIS SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISER ORLANDO G A R C I A TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

BOSCH DURING HIS STAY IN VENEZUELA. FOR THIS INFORMATION SEE [HVC]-7498, DFIRDB-315/   -76. IN [HVC]-7483, DFIRDB-315/T (S) 09430-76, OF MID-SEPTEMBER, A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY REPORTED THAT BOSCH ARRIVED IN VENEZUELA ON APPROXIMATELY 13 SEPTEMBER.)T

2. UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN CARACAS, BOSCH WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY GARCIA AND LUIS CLEMENTE P O S A D A, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND ONE-IME MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP), WHO ESCORTED BOSCH TO HIS CARACAS HOTEL.T

(U) [FIELD] COMMENT: WHILE CURRENTLY NATURALIZED VENEZUELAN CITIZENS,T BOTH GARCIA AND POSADA ARE NATIVE-BORN CUBANS.)T

3. SOMETIME FOLLOWING BOSCH'S ARRIVAL IN CARACAS, A BS.T 5,000 (APPROXIMATELY U.S. $1,118) A PLATE FUND-RAISING DINNER FOR BOSCH WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF HILDO F O L G A R, A PROMINENT SURGEON AND CUBAN EXILE. IN ADDITPON TO BOSCH, AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE DINNER WERE GARCIA; RICARDO M O R A L E S NAVARETTE, GARCIA'S DEPUTY WHO IS ALSO A NATIVE-BORN CUBAN; POSADA; AND AN UNIDENTIFIED HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.T

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HAS DIFFERENT INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER BOSCH WAS EXFILTRATED OR IS OR IS NOT IN VENEZUELA. GARCIA SPOKE TO LEGATT SUNDAY MORNING, 10T OCTOBER, AND ON THZ AFTERNOON OF 12 OCTOBER TOLD HIM "NNFORMALLY"T THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD SHORTLY ADVISE ME THAT BOSCH WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO US. THIS WAS REPEATED TO LEGATT BY DISIP DIRECTOR RAUL G I M E N E Z GAINZA AND OTHER DISIP OFFICIALS (NNCLUDING GARCIA) NN A MEETING THE MORNING OF 13 OCTOBER. CONCEIVABLY GARCIA CAN BE PLAYING A DARK GAME, BUT THE DISCREPANCIES ARE NOTEWORTHY.T I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL WORD AS TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION.)T

11. [FIELD](S) DISSEM: EMBASSY, LEGATT AT CARACAS: SENT TO [PORT OF SPAIN, GEORGETOWN, KINGSTON , MEXICO CITY, MANAGUA,T GUATEMALA CITY, PANAMA CITY, SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO, BOGOTA,T](S)

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